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## MIKADO DIES AND NATIONS MOURN

### FRAUDS IN CUSTOMS HERE?

Undervaluation Scandal Will Be Unearthed by Agent, Is Report

[Special Star-Bulletin Cable]  
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 29.—It was learned here today definitely by the Star-Bulletin correspondent that the investigation that Special Agent Peyton Gordon, of the Department of Justice, has been sent to make in Hawaii has to do with alleged undervaluation of imports from Japan to Honolulu, San Francisco and other American ports.

Gordon is expected to obtain evidence for presentation to the federal grand jury in Honolulu, and it is learned that this evidence is expected to turn against Hawaiian importers.

The information above has been expected in some quarters here, and there have been intimations that the special agent would also take up other matters. The matter of undervaluation of imports, it is thought, has been revealed through the work of W. H. Tidwell, of the Treasury Department, who conducted a quiet sleuthing around the islands some weeks ago.

No added information could be obtained today on this subject from Governor Frank, U. S. District Attorney R. W. Brinkley, or Customs Collector E. R. Stachurski, the two last-named declining to discuss the news, saying that such information must be gained from the special agent or from the Attorney General at Washington.

It is intimated in other sources, however, that during the trial of one man here some time ago on the charge of undervaluing imported merchandise, the defendant testified in effect that "everybody was doing it," or that it was a common practice, and that further investigation on the strength of this hint had developed the fact that there was more or less truth in the defendant's assertion.

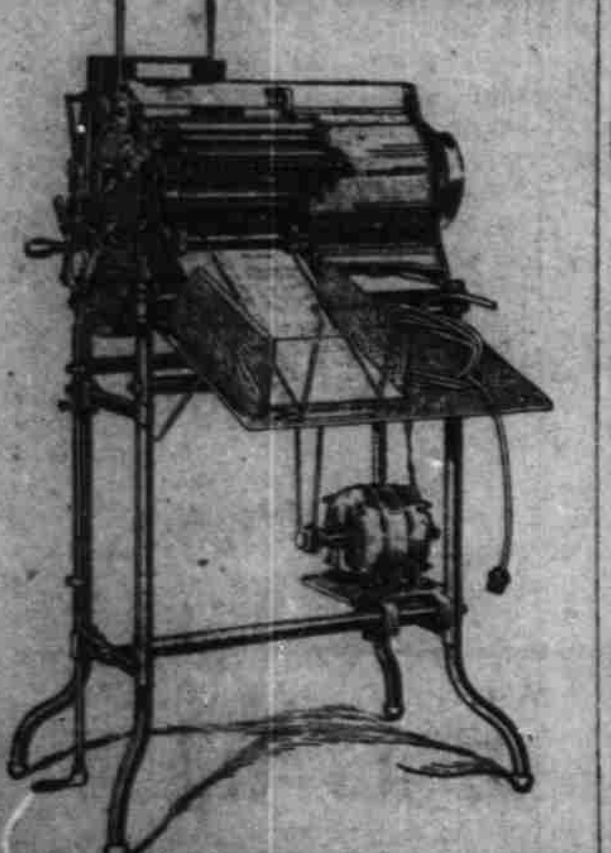
It is said that Special Agent Gordon's evidence will be largely the result of these later investigations. Just how far-reaching the inspection and the evidence may be, probably will not be fully known until it has been presented to the federal grand jury and that body has taken action.

### HACKFELD CABLE GIVES STATUS OF SUGAR BILL

H. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd., received the following cablegram from its New York office this morning:  
"Sugar bill has passed the Senate, 52 against 3.  
Proposed duty 75 degrees, 95 cents.  
Additional for each degree, two and three-fifths cents. Polarization 100 figures \$1.60.  
Cuba 20 per cent. less.  
Dutch standard and refined differential abolished.  
Bill will likely pass House, with the probability that it will be signed by the President of the United States."

Two thousands persons are homeless from floods at Salamanca, Mexico.

### THE MULTIGRAPH A Machine of Economy



H. E. HENDRICK, LTD.  
Corner Merchant and Alakea

### COMMISSION IN ROW OVER SCHOOL DESKS

Marquez Threatens to Enjoin Letting of Contract to Another

LOWEST BIDDER DOES NOT GET THE BUSINESS

Turned Down, He Maintains the Specifications Shut Out All but One Firm

The Hawaiian News Company was awarded the contract for school desks by the Oahu Loan Fund Commission this morning, although its bid was the highest of three, being \$2957 against \$2939.60 bid by Arleigh & Company and \$2914.65 bid by the Office Supply Company—an excess of \$14.70 in one instance and \$142.35 in the other.

The matter was decided on a strict construction of the specifications, particularly with reference to the seat hinges, and the specifications it is declared, were plainly intended to shut out any desk but the "Peabody," the kind offered by the successful bidder. There was just one opening for a dispute in that regard, being the words "or its equivalent" following a prescription of one of the two or three "Peabody" types of attachments.

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### HOME RULERS LOSING MANY OLD LEADERS

The Home Rulers today postponed the nomination of a delegate to Congress until next September. According to the sentiment at the closing of the meeting today the Home Rulers will support Kuhio for delegate.

"Let the people have free hands." With the above statement sounded through the convention hall, and with President Chas. K. Notley seated in his chair on an elevated platform, the eighth convention of the Home Rule party was called to order at 10 o'clock this morning in Notley Hall on Kulihi street.

Notley, who will unquestionably be nominated as a candidate for Delegate to Congress on the Home Rule ticket, said this morning that he has always been in favor of letting the people have free hands in political matters. He believed that it is wrong for any party leaders to use coercion, as he said was evidenced during the Republican convention. This morning he told his Home Rule friends that they could nominate another man for Delegate to Congress on the Home Rule party, if they saw fit to do so, but as the committee on credentials, consisting of Jno. A. Baker, W. N. Kaupihapa and one other, failed to make its report at noon today the convention took a recess, subject to the call of the chair.

Unlike former years, the convention of the Home Rule party was not imposing. The hall, which was filled to

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### DEATH COMES TO EMPEROR AT END OF LONG STRUGGLE

Report First Denied And Then Completely Confirmed

The first news of the death of the Mikado was given to Honolulu by the Star-Bulletin shortly after nine o'clock on the receipt of a "flash" by Associated Press cable. The report of the Mikado's death was formally denied by the Japanese consulate upon receipt of cabled news from Washington, but within a short time the consulate also received the report of the death.

### DEATH FOLLOWS TWO WEEKS OF ILLNESS

[Associated Press Cable]  
TOKIO, Japan, July 29.—Emperor Mutsuhito died at 12:43 o'clock and Crown Prince Yoshihito has been proclaimed emperor from the steps of the palace. All the imperial princes were present and a vast crowd heard the proclamation.

[Associated Press Cable]  
TOKIO, Japan, July 29.—Emperor Mutsuhito is dead, and Yoshihito his son reigns in his stead. The death of the monarch at 12:43 p. m. followed two weeks of illness during which time the greatest physicians of the empire have been in attendance and every recourse known to medical science has been used in the battle for his life. Yesterday afternoon the emperor relapsed into a coma and it was announced by the attending physicians that death was but the matter of a few hours. The ministers of state with the members of the imperial families kept vigil through the night at the palace. The crown prince Yoshihito assumed the sceptre as death closed his father's eyes.

Mutsuhito was the 121st ruler of an unbroken dynasty founded 660 B.C. and he was probably the most famous of his line. Under his reign which began in 1868 when after a brief war he overthrew the Shogun, Japan broke solitude in which the nation had held itself for centuries and became one of the greatest of the world powers. Waged Two Wars.

During his career on the throne Japan waged two great wars, one with China and the second and last with Russia and was victorious in both conflicts. Mutsuhito was born at Kyoto, Nov. 3, 1852, and succeeded his father Komei Tenno in 1867. He was married Dec. 28, 1868 to Princess Haruko, daughter of Prince Ichijo. By the ancient and regular law of succession the crown devolves upon the eldest son.

That Japan has a constitutional government is due in a great measure to the initiative of Mutsuhito. When he succeeded to the throne the power of the Mikado was absolute, although its exercise was controlled to some extent by custom and public opinion, but in 1875 when the Senate and Supreme Judicial Tribunal were founded

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### "Mikado" Will Not Be Given, Because of Ruler's Death

Bijou Changes Bill After Vain Attempt to Remodel Famous Opera

News of the death of the Mikado of Japan created consternation at the Bijou theater where all arrangements had been made for the presentation of the comic opera, "The Mikado" by the Pollard Lulliputians tonight.

Aware of the fact that the last revival of the Gilbert and Sullivan opera in London almost caused a riot on the part of the Japanese there and was made the subject of diplomatic representations, resulting in the withdrawal of the piece from the boards, the management of the local theater was in a quandary.

"If the opera was regarded as an insult to the Mikado living, what will his subjects consider it, if presented on the day of his death," was the question up to the management.

Then there was another question. If we do not put on the Mikado what can we put on? The answer to this was that the company was not prepared to offer a substitute.

Finally it was determined to adopt heroic measures. "We will commit sacrilege," said Manager Kipling, and change the opera, substituting the Lord Mayor for the Mikado and leaving out all reference to the supreme ruler of Japan, past or present. The noted composers may turn in their graves at the idea but it is better so—better than some other things might happen.

So it was decreed, and a busy staff went to work with shears and pruning hooks, eliminating all reference to the Mikado from the various parts. Late this afternoon Manager Kipling telephoned that all his plans were in vain. He found the opera so per-

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EMPEROR MUTSUMITO OF JAPAN, WHO IS DEAD IN THE FORTY-FIFTH YEAR OF HIS REIGN.



YOSHIHITO, CROWN PRINCE OF JAPAN, WHO SUCCEEDS TO IMPERIAL THRONE ON DEATH OF FATHER

### AN APPRECIATION OF MUTSUHITO

By PROF. M. M. SCOTT.  
(Mr. Scott was decorated two months ago by Emperor Mutsuhito with the Fourth Order of the Rising Sun.)

The deceased Emperor of Japan ascended the ancient throne of his ancestors in the year 1868, at the age of 15. He has, therefore, reigned for 45 years, and yet was not by any means an old man. His reign during this time was the most momentous and far-reaching of any in this ancient empire—perhaps the most remarkable in the changes that have gone on during that time of any nation in history.

He found his country beset with grave difficulties, both internal and external. For seven hundred years there existed in Japan a feudalism, the most unique and perfect that the world has ever seen. It was his glory to see this ancient feudalism changed into a strong, united national government. In addition to this, foreign complications were settled and perfected on an honorable and perfect basis, giving Japan entire supervision over her external affairs. With all her poverty, an admirable system of schools and universities has been organized, as well as an efficient army and navy that are recognized as among the world most perfect organizations. A parliamentary system of government, uniting the laws in accordance with those of the most advanced nations, has been established. Scientific investigations that Japan's students have made are recognized the world over.

Indeed, changes have gone on so rapidly in Japan during his reign that some witty statesman in Europe said that Japan was the only nation in history that had "jumped out of her own skin." All these changes, and many more of a like nature, have been made during the forty-five years upon the throne of the deceased Emperor. The Japanese people and her statesmen had already begun to look for-

able and perfect basis, giving Japan entire supervision over her external affairs. With all her poverty, an admirable system of schools and universities has been organized, as well as an efficient army and navy that are recognized as among the world most perfect organizations. A parliamentary system of government, uniting the laws in accordance with those of the most advanced nations, has been established. Scientific investigations that Japan's students have made are recognized the world over.

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### HOW SUGAR TRUST TRIED TO CRUSH

[Associated Press Cable]  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 29.—Robert Oxnard, the independent best sugar magnate, today testified before the sugar trust investigators that Henry Havemeyer began a campaign in 1901 to crush the American beet sugar producers, the Missouri river valley territory being his particular point of attack. He said that he himself was confronted with the proposition of selling half of his stock or going out of business. A letter from Havemeyer to James Stillman, the New York banker, was introduced, in which Havemeyer said he was ready to establish a community of interest with the Oxnards providing that they would transfer half of their stock.

### New Darrow Juror Needed

[Special Cable to Star-Bulletin]  
LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 29.—Juror Laavitt was today disqualified by illness from further service in the Darrow case and Blakelby, the reserve juror, substituted.

### \$50,000 Price of N. Y. Murder

[Special Cable to Star-Bulletin]  
NEW YORK, July 29.—It is believed here that the capture of the murderers of Herman Rosenthal, the boss gambler killed because he threatened to reveal police corruption, is certain. Fifty thousand dollars is said to be the price of the killing.

### Americans Are Threatened

[Special Cable to Star-Bulletin]  
EL PASO, Tex., July 29.—Mexican refugees say that Gen. Orozco, the rebel leader, has issued an order to kill all Americans if there is no intervention within a few days.

### YOUNG McLOUGHLIN RETAINS WESTERN CHAMPIONSHIP

[Special Cable to Star-Bulletin]  
LAKE FOREST, Ill., July 29.—By defeating Bundy, McLaughlin, the national California tennis player, today retained the western championship.

### OAHU COLLEGE WIPES OUT DEBT IN REMARKABLE YEAR

#### Financial Statement Just Issued Is a Splendid Record

Oahu College's debt has been wiped out and a year of remarkable progress made, according to a report that has been prepared by P. C. Jones, treasurer, for the president and trustees of the institution. The report, which is very comprehensive and which shows the finances of the college and Punahou Preparatory School in the smallest detail, is one that few educational institutions of the United States can equal. In fact, when Dr. Elliot, president emeritus of Harvard, was taken to see the college and told of its successful financial year by President Griffiths, he remarked that it was a splendid record and that Harvard could not equal it but was running some hundreds of

thousands of dollars behind. "The year just closed," says Mr. Jones in his report, "has been the most successful in the history of the college."

"Notwithstanding the severe loss sustained by the total destruction by fire of Castle Hall on August 3, 1911, we have had a most prosperous year and the value of the estate today is a little over one million dollars. The final balance of all operating expenses and receipts for the year shows a credit balance of \$3531.96. The debt of the college June 30, 1911, was \$12,571.72. This has been entirely wiped out."

"The loss and gain account was at the beginning of the present year \$341,645.49. Today this account shows a credit of \$405,295.54, a gain during the year of \$63,650.05."

Taking up in detail the finances of the college, Mr. Jones refers at some length to the successful handling of

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### LEPER SETTLEMENT GIVES GENEROUSLY TO DUKE FUND

#### Public Is Waking Up and Donations Are Now Coming Through Faster

More than one hundred dollars has been added to the Duke Kahanamoku fund and at last the public is beginning to respond in a way that gives promise of speedy success for the plan to buy the Hawaiian boy who has won the highest swimming honors in the world a house and lot as an appreciation of his efforts and the advertising he has given this country.

Never was there a donation to the fund that meant as much as one of \$47.05 that arrived at the Star-Bulletin office this morning from the leper settlement. When it is realized that a big percentage of their scanty allowance the people of the Molokai settlement have made, their generosity and desire to see the fund grow will be appreciated at its real value. Many of them gave every cent they had in the world.

The list of those who gave to fund from the settlement is as follows:

Geo. Kahoukapu ..... 5.00  
S. K. Kaunamano ..... 5.00  
Wm. Notley ..... 10.00  
Wm. Kapela ..... 2.50  
John Hauani ..... 2.50  
Jas. Hatchie ..... 2.00  
Tommy Nini ..... 1.00  
C. A. Akim ..... 1.00

John Kaufuni	1.00
John S. Wilmington	1.00
Henry Ma	1.00
Wm. K. Kapela Jr.	1.00
Kesloha Kesweamahi	1.00
Ah Pa	1.00
Akamau	1.00
Lui Hoolapa	1.00
Chas. Paimuelo	1.00
L. Nallima	.50
John De Collis	.50
Pauli	.50
Sylvester Pacheco	.50
Manhi	.50
Kekona	.50
Mattson	.50
Peter Richard	.50
Sol. Moemoe	.50
D. Naweiu	.50
Kalanwahine	.50
Kaleikini	.50
Houpo	.50
D. Kapoe	.50
Piliipo	.50
Hukia	.50
Joe Souza	.50
John Walwaiole	.50
Hamauna	.50
Geo. Kanewa	.50
Sam P. Iona	.50

This morning the Star-Bulletin received a telephone message from Duke plantation that a substantial sum has been raised at the plantation and is

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